

REMARKS

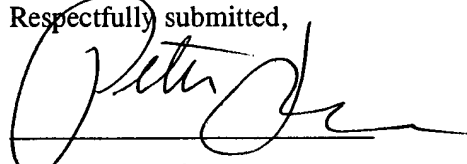
The Applicant has amended the priority claim of the present application to correctly identify the US national stage of International Patent Application PCT / IL01 / 00402. The Applicant filed two US applications in the national stage of the '402 international application, USSN 10/258,714, and USSN 10/275,709 (filed November 8, 2002). The PTO determined that such a duplicate filing was impermissible, and discontinued the '709 application. Because the priority claim of the present application referenced the '709 application, which has been discontinued, the Applicant has accordingly amended the priority claim to reference the identical '714 application, which is still pending. A similar amendment is being filed in USSN 10/294,310 (the parent application of the present patent application).

No new matter has been added.

Notice of allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

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